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NEWS RELEASE

Mary Riley Styles Public Library Receives Top National Honor

For the fifth consecutive year, the Mary Riley Styles Public Library in the City of Falls Church has been named one of the best public libraries in the U.S. by the *Library Journal*. The library is one of only 262 in the country to receive "star" ratings in an award system similar to that of the Michelin Guide. The City library received three stars out of five and is one of only four libraries in the state to be chosen this year. The library is also one of only 111 libraries in the United States and only two in Virginia to win the Star designation 5 years in a row.

"It is very exciting to receive the prestigious Star Rating because it confirms that the library is providing excellent services for the City of Falls Church community," said Mary McMahon, Library Director. "I am so proud of the library staff for making this possible."

The public library national rating system rates libraries with expenditures of \$10,000 or more that serve populations of at least 1,000. Ratings are based on four per-capita service indicators: library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer uses.

For more information about the Star Library program visit <u>bit.ly/Z8C63Q</u>. For more information about the Mary Riley Styles Public Library, visit <u>www.fallschurchva.gov/Library</u> or call 703-248-5035.

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